

RULES 63 AND 67 (37 C.F.R. 1.63 and .67)
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A method of estimating the pitch of a speech signal using previous estimates, use of the method, and a device adapted therefor

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